

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

**April 2, 2009
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Mayor Donald Kasprzak,

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on March 26, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 3, 2009 in the amount of \$231,907.90 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of March 26- April 3, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 2- March 30, 2009

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS

- The Planning Board has reviewed the proposed local law that amends City Code Chapters 270 and 260 to define and allow Community Gardens as a special permitted use and exempt the use from subdivision requirements and recommends the Council's approval.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
(All voted in the affirmative)

5. AUDITS OF CLAIMS

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$422,911.81 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Peg McCartney thanked the Council for its support for the Earth Day Celebration at the Farmer's Market and responded to questions from Councilors.

7. OTHER ITEMS

A. Request from Jon Ruff for the Common Council to agree and authorize the amending of Capital Project H 8320.63 to expand the scope of work and to include conducting a Phase II investigation. The project appropriation will be increased by \$250,000 for a new total of \$375,000. The source of funds will be the Water Reserve.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council agrees the amending of Capital Project H 8320.63 to expand the scope of work and to include conducting a Phase II investigation. The project appropriation will be increased by \$250,000 for a new total of \$375,000. The source of funds will be the Water Reserve.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

B. Request from Jon Ruff for the Common Council to agree and authorize the execution of a February 23, 2009 proposal from CHA for the Phase II Evaluation and Conceptual Design for dam rehabilitation work in the amount of \$212,200. The source of funds will be Capital Project H8320.63.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the execution of a February 23, 2009 proposal from CHA for the Phase II Evaluation and Conceptual Design for dam rehabilitation work in the amount of \$212,200. The source of funds will be Capital Project H8320.63.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

**C. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PLATTSBURGH HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PAUL GRASSO.**

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Approved

8. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for Officer Stuart Bailey to travel to Lancaster, PA from September 8-11, 2009 to attend the “2009 Annual Child Passenger Safety Conference” at a cost not to exceed \$376 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Officer Stuart Bailey to travel to Lancaster, PA from September 8-11, 2009 to attend the “2009 Annual Child Passenger Safety Conference” at a cost not to exceed \$376 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Carpenter: Second by Councilor Valentine
Discussion: Councilor Rabideau pointed out that the Governor’s Task Force was paying for the lodging and that a police vehicle was being used.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

- 1.** Request for the Common Council to adopt the insurance policy as attached.
- 2.** Request for the Common Council to sponsor the Earth Day event at the Farmer’s Market on April 25, 2009.
- 3.** Request from the City Engineer to award Graymont Materials Contract #2009-04 “Ready Mix Concrete” at an estimated cost of \$35,196.00.
- 4.** Request from Club Caribbean to hold a “Street Jam” parade on April 18, 2009 from 12-1:30 p.m. on Rugar Street.

5. Request from Chief Paul Williams for the Mayor to appoint two candidates for the positions of Fire Fighter effective Thursday April 23, 2009.
6. Request from the City Chamberlain to approve a bond resolution in the amount of \$5,217,527 from the General Fund and establish a capital project for that same amount as an addition to the 2009 capital expenditure plan in order to close the Akey Landfill by year end 2010 in accordance with a signed consent order form the NYS DEC.
7. Request from the City Engineer to award Contract #2009-05 "Furnishing of One Used Type III Ambulance" to North Eastern Rescue Vehicles at a total cost of \$25,000.00.
8. Request from Chief Desmond Racicot for Lieutenant Patrick Rascoe and Sergeant William Plympton to travel to Verona, NY from April 27-30, 2009 to attend the "2009 New York Tactical Expo and Conference" at a cost not to exceed \$1,296.98 which will be paid out of Asset Forfeiture Fund.
9. Resolution finding that Akey Road Landfill Closure Action is a type II action under SEQR.
10. Request from the City Chamberlain to approve a bond resolution in the amount of \$1,254,000 for the General Fund and to establish capital projects for that same total amount as the specific amounts requested in the 2009 capital expenditure plan providing funds for the \$380,000 planned for Storm Sewer Construction, for the \$555,000 planned for Street Resurfacing and Improvements, for the \$202,000 planned for Public Service Building improvements and for the \$117,000 planned for Public Service Equipment purchases.
11. Request from Recreation Superintendent Peters to convert two seasonal Laborer positions into one year-round Laborer.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The public was advised that shortly after the adjournment of this meeting, the Council will hold a work session to hear information about Public Works Department Staffing.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:02 PM